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**Processing Apparatus Having** 

Integrated Pumping System

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## **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2002**

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 26, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 26, 2002, Applicants elect claims 11-20 and 25-26, Group II, and request reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/2981.P1/IBSS/CPS/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please withdraw claims 1-8, 21-24, 28, 30-38, and 40-41 for being drawn to a non-elected invention.

1. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for processing a substrate, comprising:

a plurality of vacuum chambers, the vacuum chambers defining a peripheral envelope of space;